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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2333**
Toshimitsu ISHIKAWA et al. : Docket No. 00724/P10-258981/AM/SAN/US
Serial No. 09/393,168 : Group Art Unit 1617
Filed September 10, 1999 : Examiner H. Nguyen
SOFT CAPSULE :

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a three month extension of time to respond to the communication of January 24, 2002.

The fee of \$460.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.
() to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

- (X) Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
() is enclosed.
(X) has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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